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LEOFF employers

Partial service credit for LEOFF Plan II members

Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1268 of 1991 enacted partial service credit for LEOFF Plan II. These changes are effective September 1, 1991.

The standard for a Plan II member to earn a **full month** of service credit remains unchanged: a member must earn basic salary for 90 or more hours of employment in a month to receive a full month of service credit. A Plan II member will earn a fraction of a month of service credit in any month in which he or she earns basic salary for less than 90 hours.

The new rules for earning service credit are below.

LEOFF Plan II September 1, 1991–
<p>If a member earns basic salary from one or more employers:</p> <p>Basic salary earned for 90 or more hours = 1 service credit month</p> <p>Basic salary earned for at least 70 but less than 90 hours = 1/2 service credit month</p> <p>Basic salary earned, but for less than 70 hours = 1/4 service credit month</p>

Because members covered by Plan II will earn at least partial service credit in any month in which they earn basic salary, employers should always withhold and report contributions on any amount of basic salary, effective with the September 1991 earning period. DRS Notice 91-019 notified you not to use transmittal status code "L" for any earning period after August 1991.

No Changes in the LEOFF Membership Standard

The standard for membership in the LEOFF Retirement System has **not changed**. A law enforcement officer or fire fighter must occupy a full-time, fully compensated position to be a LEOFF member. Partial service credit would apply in months when unusual circumstances caused the Plan II member's compensated hours to fall below 90.

No Changes to LEOFF Plan I Service Credit

LEOFF Plan I service credit remains unchanged. A LEOFF Plan I member will earn a full month of service credit for any month in which he/she earns basic salary for 70 or more hours. A LEOFF Plan I member who falls below 70 hours in a specific month will not earn service credit for that month, unless the member is on disability leave or a period of suspension for no more than 30 days.

Always withhold and report retirement contributions on basic salary paid to LEOFF Plan I members regardless of the number of hours the member works. Never withhold contributions on a disability leave allowance.

Questions?

If you have questions related to partial service credit for LEOFF Plan II, you may contact the DRS LEOFF Section at (206) 753-2075, SCAN 234-2075. Questions about transmittal reporting may be directed to the DRS Employer Relations Unit at (206) 753-8696, SCAN 234-8696.

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Check this list to make sure you have received all DRS Notices that apply to you and/or your employees. If you need a copy of a Notice you did not receive, call the DRS Technical Writing Unit at (206) 586-4515, SCAN 321-4515.

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